



WESLEY WELLINGTON METHODIST PARISH
Incorporating congregations of 10am, Tongan, Samoan and Fijian.

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 02 Whiringa-ā-rangi (November) 2025

Welcome to Wellington Methodist Parish

Mission Statement

Living God's love – acting for the common good
We are a multi-racial Christian community:
Methodist in affiliation – Ecumenical in intention
Diverse in theology – Inclusive in outreach.

Sunday Church Services

Wesley Church 75 Taranaki St, Wellington City

10.00am	English Service
12.00pm	Tongan Service
2.00pm	Samoan Service
4.00pm	Fijian Service

Upcoming Sundays

02/11/2025	Combined Service
01/12/2025	No Combined/Congregation Sunday

Special Congregation Sundays

Christmas Eve Service: 24th Dec, Wednesday evening, time tbc.
Christmas Day Service: 25th Dec, Thursday morning, time tbc.

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Welcome!

Nau Mai

Haere Mai

Noa'ia 'e Mauri

Bula Vinaka

Mabu Hay

Namaste

Talofa Lava

Malo e Lelei

Chao Buoi Sang

Swaagat

안녕하세요
(an-nyeong-ha-se-yo)

Parish Newcomers

Nau mai haere mai

We're glad you're considering making Wellington Methodist Parish your spiritual home. If you want to put down your roots here, please let our leaders know so that we can take your contact details and you will get our weekly emails. This will enable us to get to know you better.

Seeing Beyond the Crowd

A short reflection on Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 and Luke 19:1-10

Sometimes faith begins with a question. Habakkuk looks at a broken world – violence, injustice, systems that fail the vulnerable – and cries out, “How long, O Lord?” He doesn’t hold back. And God doesn’t silence him. Instead, God promises a vision – one that will come, even if it seems slow.

Centuries later, a tax collector named Zacchaeus climbs a tree just to see Jesus. He’s not welcomed by the crowd. He’s small, disliked, and overlooked. But Jesus sees him. Calls him by name. And in that moment of being seen, Zacchaeus is changed.

These stories speak to us today. When the world feels unfair, it’s okay to be honest with God. Our cries aren’t signs of weak faith – they’re acts of trust. And like Zacchaeus, we can respond to God’s presence with generosity, humility, and transformation.

Faith isn’t just believing – it’s acting. It’s waiting, watching, and staying open when things don’t make sense. It’s choosing justice, kindness, and hospitality even when it’s hard. And it’s allowing ourselves to be interrupted by grace.

Honest prayer deepens faith. Bring your doubts, anger, and hope to God – faithfulness begins with truth.

Transformation starts with being seen. Like Zacchaeus, we are changed by love that notices us and invites us in.

Ngā mihi. Philip Garside, 2 Nov 2025

LECTIONARY for 02 November & 09 November 2025

November 02—Pentecost 21

1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
Hab 1:1-4 Hab 2:1-4	Ps 119:137-144	2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12	Lk 19: 1-10

November 09—Pentecost 22

1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
Haggi 1: 15b-2:9	Ps 145: 1-5, 17-21 or Ps 98	2 Thess 2: 1-5, 13-17	Lk 20: 27-38

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday

10am to 3pm

Prayers and Concerns



If you are bereaved, sick or in pain, isolating, or recovering from illness, may you feel our care and compassion at this time.

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Council

2nd Nov

Finance & Resource Committee

30 Oct, every last Thursday of the month

Parish Strategy

1st Nov, 12.30pm, Church

Leaders/Congregational

10AM	tbc
TONGAN	tbc
SAMOAN	tbc
FIJIAN	1st Saturday of every month

Congregation Notices:

January 2026

First Sunday, 4th January - No Combined/
Congregation Sunday

Second Sunday, 11th January - This will be the
first Parish Combined Service.

Lead Worship: Rev. Simote Taunga.

**Farewell service for Rev. Simote and Akesa
Taunga.**

**NO OTHER CONGREGATION CHURCH SERVICE FOR
THIS SUNDAY.**

10am

*Knit and Knatter, Wednesday 19th November,
11AM in staffroom. Everyone welcome*

Tongan

*-Weekly exercises at Aotea Lagoon every Monday
and Thursday.*

Samoan

-Choir Practise every Friday in church at 6pm

*-Prayer meeting— Second & Fourth Friday after
Choir practice at 6pm.*

-Confirmation classes— Wednesday 15th, 6pm

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

DCM Food Bank Appeal

Foodbank Appeal at **Newtown New World
on Saturday November 15th from 9am –
5pm.** Each congregation will manage a 2-
hour slot and we need to transport the do-
nations back to Drama Christi for sorting.

9am – 11am - **10am Congregation**

11am – 1.00pm – **Samon Congregation**

1.00pm – 3.00pm – **Tongan Congregation**

3.00pm – 5.00pm – **Fijian Congregation**

Community Lunch for the Homeless

Homeless Christmas Lunch—Friday 21st
Nov. Volunteers Needed! Please let the
office know by Sunday 12th Nov if you can
help. This is a critical event of the Parish.
Looking forward to your support and Love.

Parish Working Bee

Saturday, 8th November 9am

Everyone is welcome to come along and
lend a hand — your support makes a big
difference!

**All loose collection during Donation for
this Sunday 02 Nov. combined service will
be given as our contribution to the
Christian World Service.**

Upcoming Fire Drill

Please be advised that a surprise fire drill
will be conducted on one of the weekends
prior to the end of the year. All fire war-
dens are expected to participate and fol-
low standard evacuation procedures.

Parish Christmas Party

6th December at 6pm in the New Hall.

THEME FOR OCTOBER:

PENTECOST

10AM		Sunday Roster	
<i>Sunday 02 November (Pentecost 21)</i>		<i>Sunday 09 November (Pentecost 22)</i>	
<i>Combined Service</i>		<i>Combined Service</i>	
Worship Leader	Rev. Neti Petaia	Worship Leader	Rev. Suiva’aia Te’o
Organist	Colin Scarf	Organist	Vivien Chiu
Introit	Tongan	Bible Reading	Joy Grove
Bible Reading	Tongan/10am	Notice & Welcome	Sarah Laurenson
Anthem	Fijian	Door Stewards	Alan & Hugh
Door Stewards	10am	Children’s Support	Philomena
Holy Communion	10am	Morning tea	Saleupolu Heger
Singing	Samoan	Flowers	Tongan
Morning Tea	Tongan		

12pm		Tongan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 02 November(Pentecost 21)</i>		<i>Sunday 09 November (Pentecost 22)</i>	
Worship Leader	Combined Service	Worship Leader	TBC
Lead Worship	Combined Service	Lead Worship	TBC

2pm		Samoan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 02 November (Pentecost 21)</i>		<i>Sunday 09 November (Pentecost 22)</i>	
Worship Leader	Combined Service	Worship Leader	Rev. Suiva’aia Te’o
Safety Briefing	Combined Service	Safety Briefing	TBC
Bible Reading	Combined Service	Bible Reading	TBC

4pm		Fijian Congregation	
<i>Sunday 02 November (Pentecost 21)</i>		<i>Sunday 09 November (Pentecost 22)</i>	
Worship Leader	MYF	Worship Leader	Talatala Sikeli
Lead Worship	MYF	Lead Worship	Joritani
(Fijian Service @ 1.30pm in Church after combined refreshments)			